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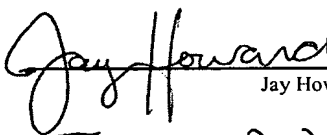
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: H. Ufuk Alpay et al.
Serial No.: 10/044,076
Date Filed: January 11, 2002
Group Art Unit: 1756
Examiner: Mohamedulla, Saleha R.
Title: **DAMAGE RESISTANT PHOTOMASK
CONSTRUCTION**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.